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SUBJECT:PRESS RELEASE ON VISIT OF LOPEZ PORTILLO

1. AS SOON AS YOU HAVE CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE 3PM
OFFICE MEETING AND 7PM SMALL FAMILY DINNER, SEPTEMBER 24,
YOU SHOULD SEEK CONCURRENCE TO FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE
WHICH WHITE HOUSE PROPOSES TO ANNOUNCE 12 NOON,
SEPTEMBER 20. IF LOPEZ PORTILLO HAS NO OBJECTION AND SO
DESIRES, ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN
WASHINGTON AND MEXICO CITY.

2. QUOTE: PRESIDENT FORD HAS INVITED MEXICAN PRESIDENT-
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ELECT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO TO MEET WITH HIM IN

WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 24, AND HE HAS ACCEPTED. THE
PRESIDENT WILL HAVE INFORMAL TALKS WITH THE MEXICAN
PRESIDENT-ELECT AND WILL HOST A DINNER IN HIS HONOR.
MRS. LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO
WASHINGTON. DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON,
MR. LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL ALSO MEET INFORMALLY WITH OTHER
HIGH-LEVEL U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. END QUOTE.

3. PLEASE REPORT RESPONSE SOONEST. ROBINSON

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